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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-10 stand rejected.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,292,933 to Bahrs et al. (hereinafter Bahrs).

With respect to claims 1 and 6, the Examiner stated that Bahrs teaches a method of correctly ordering test code for testing software components. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion. The Examiner stated that Bahrs teaches the step of generating test code for testing a software component. Bahrs does not teach testing a software component and does not teach generating test code for testing the software component. Bahrs states in the Summary beginning at column 2, line 50, that:

"The present invention provides an architectural pattern for creating applications for a data processing system."

Further, Bahrs states that the invention includes a method and apparatus for refreshing data in an application; for managing for managing services in a desk-top environment from an object-oriented environment; for managing transactions; for displaying a graphical users interface; for performing validation of user input; for managing permissions in an application; for presenting a view to a client; for processing user input to a graphical uses interface; for presenting a set of screens in a graphical user interface; for serializing data; for providing an interface to an application for monitoring execution of the application; and for accessing classes and methods in an object oriented system.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully suggest that Bahrs does not disclose or suggest a method of correctly ordering test code for testing a software

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component, and therefore that independent claims 1 and 6 are patentable over Bahrs.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 depend from claims 1 or 6 and are believed to be allowable as they depend from a base claim that is believed to be allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-10 under §102(e) as being anticipated by Bahrs is believed to have been overcome.

In view of the above, the Examiners rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing claims 1-10 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The prior art made of record is not believed to suggest or disclose the present invention.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0845.

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